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## CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS

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There will be a special council called for April 17, 1976, to discuss the distribution of claims award monies. This meeting will be held in the Commons at St. Gregory's College. Discussion will cover the programmed portion of the award and per capita payment. We will also discuss the hiring of a new tribal attorney.

Our Cultural Heritage center is about 75% complete. It has been roofed, the second story floor has been poured and the Museum is coming along rapidly. This Museum is a nice addition and we are proud of it.

Thanks to so many of you who responded to our call for help — we were able to match the grant money for the Maxi-bus and it should arrive early next month. Our next project will be to find funds for an operator and for maintenance. Thanks to all of you.

June 30, 1976 will be election for Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer. Those of you who are interested in competing for these offices will need to submit a letter to the tribal office prior to June 20, 1976. Tribal government has become more complex as evidenced by the fact that we are handling contracts and programs with a cash flow in excess of \$600,000. You are asked to be very selective in choosing your candidates. In submitting letters of candidacy, applicants are asked to state their education and qualifications for the office they are seeking.

Mr. Folkins and I went to Washington, D. C., on February 24th, looking for a loan guaranty to cover 90% of the cost of our Foundry package. We met with BIA officials first and this evolved into a second meeting with several heads of departments with regulations providing loan guarantees. From this meeting we came away feeling that we had generated enough interest in our facilities that these department heads will do all they can to see that we get them. We felt that we had a very successful trip.

The day we returned, I heard that a petition was being circulated to remove me from office because of my objections to the way the Indian Action School is operated. Actually I am afraid that the way the school is operated in conjunction with the profit making CTSA Enterprises, Inc., is wrong and places the five tribes in a position of great liability. Two other tribes are also afraid of the operation and three different attorney's opinions appear to have verified that our fears are well grounded.

Our Title X program is progressing and the Pecan Grove is beginning to take on a clean-trimmed look. Mr. Wallace Tyner is Superintendent for the project and Mr. Mark Roberts is the Foreman. The crew consists of 15 men and 3 women. Jann Jones is the Title X bookkeeper and Joy Wright is the secretary. They are all doing a fine job and we are proud of them.

We still have a substantial number of Priscilla Mullin Sherard's book, "People of the Place of the Fire" and "Indian Recipes" on hand. They are available at the tribal office for \$5.00 and \$2.00. If requested by mail, "People of the place of the Fire" is \$5.50 and "Indian Recipes" is \$2.50. Please make your checks to Citizen Band Potawatomi Indians when ordering by mail.

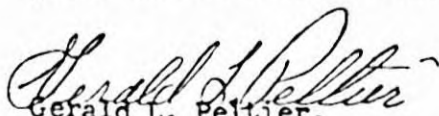
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The Environmental Health Program is in full swing. If you have mowing that needs to be done, leaky laterals, plumbing repairs, carpentry repairs, or anything that falls within the scope of the Program, the prices are very reasonable.

Wanita Clifford has been selected as our new CHR and is now in training at Rapid City, South Dakota. Jewell Bruno resigned to get married and Norman Kiker resigned. Mary Kingsbury was appointed CHR Director. Mary underwent surgery recently, so Jo Nell Negahnquet is busy in the field. Two new CHR's will be selected from applications received.

Please attend your tribal elections. Get to know your elected officials. Learn all you can about tribal business. Come to the office and visit our tribal grounds. We are doing all we can to make our tribal property a place to which all Citizen Band Potawatomi can relate and be proud.

  
Gerald L. Peltier,  
Tribal Chairman -Administrator